

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

July 10, 2007

Supervisors in Attendance:

Mr. Kelly E. Miller, Chairman
Mrs. Renny B. Humphrey, Vice Chrm.
Mr. R. M. "Dickie" King, Jr.
Mr. Donald D. Sowder
Mr. Arthur S. Warren

Mr. Lane B. Ramsey
County Administrator

Staff in Attendance:

Ms. Janice Blakley, CMC
Deputy Clerk
Ms. Karla Gerner, Dir.,
Human Resource Mgmt.
Ms. Don Kappel, Dir.,
Public Affairs
Mr. Steven L. Micas,
County Attorney

Police Selection Committee

Members in Attendance:

Mr. James Bourque
Mr. William Davenport
Mr. Kelly E. Miller
Mr. Lane B. Ramsey

Absent:

Dr. Billy Cannaday, Jr.

Mr. Miller called the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 5:05 p.m.

(It is noted all five Board members signed a "Notice of the Meeting" waiving any further Notice.)

Mr. Ramsey called the Police Chief Selection Committee meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. He stated the committee is requesting that the Board of Supervisors and the committee go into closed session to discuss specific candidates.

On motion of Mr. Davenport, seconded by Mr. Bourque, the Police Chief Selection Committee went into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to meet with the Board of Supervisors to discuss specific candidates for the Police Chief's position.

Ayes: Bourque, Davenport, Miller and Ramsey.

Nays: None.

Absent: Cannaday.

- 1. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2-3711(A)(1), CODE OF VIRGINIA, 1950, AS AMENDED, TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND TO MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF SELECTION COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC CANDIDATES FOR THE POLICE CHIEF'S POSITION**

On motion of Mr. King, seconded by Mrs. Humphrey, the Board went into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to meet with the Police

Chief Selection Committee to discuss specific candidates for the Police Chief's position.

Ayes: Miller, Humphrey, King, Sowder and Warren.

Nays: None.

Reconvening:

On motion of Mr. Davenport, seconded by Mr. Bourque, the Police Chief Selection Committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has this day adjourned into Closed Session in accordance with a formal vote of the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act effective July 1, 1989 provides for certification that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors does hereby certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and

ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board. No member dissents from this certification.

The Committee being polled, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Bourque: Aye.

Mr. Davenport: Aye.

Mr. Ramsey: Aye.

Mr. Miller: Aye.

On motion of Mr. King, seconded by Mrs. Humphrey, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has this day adjourned into Closed Session in accordance with a formal vote of the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

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ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board. No member dissents from this certification.

The Board being polled, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Sowder: Aye.
Mr. King: Aye.
Mr. Warren: Aye.
Mrs. Humphrey: Aye.
Mr. Miller: Aye.

2. NOMINATION/APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF

Mr. Ramsey stated, based on the County Charter, the Police Chief Selection Committee was constituted by the Board of Supervisors and will be making a formal recommendation to the Board for the county's next Police Chief.

Mr. Bourque made a motion, on behalf of the Police Chief Selection Committee, seconded by Mr. Davenport, to nominate Lieutenant Colonel Thierry Dupuis to the position of Police Chief for Chesterfield County.

Ayes: Bourque, Davenport, Miller and Ramsey.
Nays: None.
Absent: Cannaday.

Mr. Ramsey noted that Dr. Cannaday, who has participated in every meeting of the committee, could not be present tonight, but he has confirmed that Lieutenant Colonel Dupuis was a unanimous selection by the committee to recommend to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Miller then stated the Board must act upon the committee's recommendation.

On motion of Mr. King, seconded by Mrs. Humphrey, the Board suspended its rules at this time to allow for simultaneous nomination/appointment of a Police Chief.

Ayes: Miller, Humphrey, King, Sowder and Warren.
Nays: None.

On motion of Mr. King, seconded by Mrs. Humphrey, the Board simultaneously nominated/appointed Mr. Thierry Dupuis as Chesterfield County Police Chief.

Ayes: Miller, Humphrey, King, Sowder and Warren.
Nays: None.

A standing ovation followed.

Board members and members of the committee congratulated Colonel Dupuis.

Mr. Ramsey stated, after evaluating the Chesterfield Police Department against national police departments, the committee determined that there were individuals within the department

that were suited to compete for Police Chief. He further stated there were five applicants from within the department, all of which were top caliber people who could be police chief anywhere in the nation. He stated the committee had a difficult decision in recommending to the Board. He stated the Board should be proud of the county's Police Department, which has some of the finest men and women in the country.

Mr. King commended the committee members on their efforts in bringing forward the recommendation.

Mr. Miller stated he is delighted that the committee went through the process and selected a candidate who has outstanding abilities and is of exemplary character. He further stated he looks forward to working with Colonel Dupuis personally.

Ms. Humphrey thanked Mr. Davenport for taking time out of his busy schedule to serve on the committee. She offered best wishes to Colonel Dupuis and his family and stated he will follow the legacy of extraordinary men.

Mr. Micas stated the Board needs to go into closed session to discuss the other item listed on the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Sowder, seconded by Mr. King, the Board went into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to discuss specific candidates for appointment to the position of County Administrator.

Ayes: Miller, Humphrey, King, Sowder and Warren.
Nays: None.

3. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Humphrey, the Board disbanded the Police Chief Selection Committee and adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to an undisclosed location for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of chief administrative officer during the next 15 days.

Ayes: Miller, Humphrey, King, Sowder and Warren.
Nays: None.

Lane B. Ramsey
County Administrator

Kelly E. Miller
Chairman